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The Newsletter for the Third Taxing District Electric Department

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Upcoming Events

- October 20th TTD Commission Meeting at 7:00 pm
Van Zilen Hall
- Nov. 17th TTD Commission Meeting at 7:00 pm
Van Zilen Hall
- Dec. 15th TTD Commission Meeting at 7:00 pm
Van Zilen Hall

Commission Presents Plaque of Condolences to Perez Family

The Third Taxing District Commission and the employees and General Manager of the Electric Department wish to extend their heartfelt condolences on the loss of your son, Pfc. Wilfredo Perez, Jr.

We feel that his passing is not just yours alone, but the loss of every citizen of East Norwalk and the country. May the memory of his ultimate sacrifice in defense of the cause of freedom throughout the world endure as a testament to his dedication to his country, loved ones and friends.

We hope the Perez family will find some peace and understanding in their son's passing with the knowledge that East Norwalk and the entire country shares in your grieving. His bravery should be celebrated as we mourn your loss.

Plaque of condolences presented on behalf of the community of East Norwalk

On July 26th, 2003, Wilfredo Perez, Jr., whose family resides in East Norwalk, was tragically killed in Iraq along with two other soldiers while guarding a children's hospital.

Representing the Third Taxing District Commission at the service held at St. Thomas church memorializing young Perez, Commission Chair, David Brown noticed that the plaques of condolences presented to the Perez family were from representatives of the state, county, and city. Brown felt since the

Perez family lived in East Norwalk, it would be fitting to present a small certificate of condolences on behalf of the Third Taxing District Commissioners and the East Norwalk community, as well. Unanimously approved by the three man commission, Chairman Brown personally presented the certificate to the Perez family.

In accepting the certificate, Wilfredo's father asked if we would use this newsletter, reaching only the East Norwalk community, to mention the scholarship fund that has been set up in the name of his son. "One of the last times we heard from Junior was a letter to his younger brother encouraging him to stay in school. Our family's hope for this scholarship is to do just that and encourage a student to continue their education" said Wilfredo, Sr.

If you are able and would like to personally share in the memorializing of Pfc. Wilfredo Perez, Jr. by donating to this scholarship fund, you may do so by sending your tax-deductible contribution to the:

Perez Jr. Scholarship Fund,
c/o Norwalk Police Department,
297 West Avenue, Norwalk, CT 06850,
attention Tom Noonan.

The elder Perez said: "This scholarship will be given to a deserving, hard-working senior who may have struggled through school but also understood the importance of their education."

New Interest Rate set for Deposit Accounts

At a recent meeting, the Third Taxing District Commission voted unanimously to change the interest rate we pay on security deposits to 1.023% simple interest.

A review of the Service Agreement Policies had not been done by prior management since October 15, 1992. At that time, the interest rate we paid out was set at 4% simple interest. The problem was that, without proper review of economic trends, the interest rate we were paying out was more than we were earning from our bank.

George Leary, our new General Manager, brought the discrepancy to the attention to the Commission and after a review by District Counsel whether we had to pay inter-

est at all, it was agreed to to pay out the same amount of interest (1.023%) we earn at our bank. The rate will change periodically as the bank's rate changes to us.

Landlords should also remember that they are ultimately responsible for the payment of their tenant's electric bill when the tenant leaves as outlined in our "Residential and Commercial Service Agreements". Call the Electric Department office at 866-9271 for a copy of these agreements if you do not have one.

Energy Assistance Available to Those Who Need it and Apply.

Although our electric rates continue to be one of the lowest in Connecticut, the cost of heating a house with electric heat during a very cold winter can be expensive. This is especially true for low income families and anyone on a fixed income.

Help is available to anyone who needs it through Energy Assistance grants from the state of Connecticut. The Energy Assistance grants for the city of Norwalk are administered through NEON in South Norwalk and are available to anyone who applies and qualifies.

If you think you will need financial assistance, call NEON at 899-2483 to make an appointment.

Keeping Electric Meters Open for Readings

Please help us to read your electric meter. Our meter readers call at your home or business each month to read your electric meter. Please check your meter to be sure that it is accessible to the meter reader. In summer shrubbery, gardens and other plantings can block access to your meter. In winter snow and ice can block the meter reader.

When we can't safely get to your meter to take a reading we have to estimate your usage in order to send your bill on time. This can lead to problems with your billing and needless inconvenience to you. If you are not sure where your electric meter is located, check below the point where the electric wires attach to your building. If you have a question call our Meter Technicians at 866-9271. We want to read your meter correctly - every time.

Energy Saving Tips

Old man Winter feels like he snuck in early this year. What ever happened to Spring and Fall? Unusual temperatures for this time of year reminds us to prepare for the cold days ahead.

Energy conservation is always a good habit to follow and listed below are just a few ways you can save energy around the house this winter.

- Clean or replace filters on furnaces once a month or as needed.
- Clean warm-air registers, baseboard heaters, and radiators as needed; make sure they are not blocked by furniture, carpeting, or drapes.
- Bleed trapped air from hot-water radiators once or twice a season.
- Place a heat-resistant radiator reflector between exterior walls and the radiators.
- Use kitchen, bath, and other ventilating fans wisely; in just 1 hour, these fans can pull out a houseful of warmed or cooled air. Turn fans off as soon as they have done the job.
- During the heating season, keep the draperies and shades on your south-facing windows open during the day to allow the sunlight to enter your home and closed at night to reduce the chill from the cold windows.
- Close an unoccupied room that is isolated from the rest of the house, and turn down the thermostat or heating for that particular room or zone. However, if you heat your house with a heat pump, do not close the vents—closing the vents could harm the heat pump.